

procedure

1. Check to see that the diode filament is lit.
2. Check tube V2 in a tube tester or replace with a spare.
3. Check V2 grid voltage to cathode or ground. If this voltage is abnormally positive, or zero, check contacts, connections and resistance values of all components of the bridge. Check diode or replace with a spare. Check bridge rectifier.
4. Check the voltage adjusting potentiometer for dirty contacts.

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This condition indicates a variation of tube characteristics with age.

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1. Check tubes and replace accordingly.

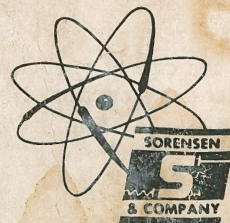
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These conditions may be the result of failure of various components of the

procedure

1. Check tubes or replace with spare.
2. Check the DC Power supply voltage.
3. Check the control circuit in connections, shorts or damaged components.
4. Check voltage and resistance of potentiometers by replacement.
5. The output voltage adjustable potentiometer cause irregular output adjustment potentiometer shaft several times as far as it will go. This is a voltage adjustment and contacts can cause uneven control.

In the event of serious trouble or damage return it to the factory for repair and



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HC-25-C1 CATHODE RAY OSCILLOGRAPH

CATALOG #5142111G1

GENERAL ELECTRIC CO.
SCHENECTADY, N.Y.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The HC-25-C1 cathode ray oscillograph is an oscillograph for the observation and photographic recording of high speed transients such as produced by surge generators or by sudden changes in a circuit. Its visualizing element is a cathode ray tube of hot cathode sealed off design whose screen may be photographed by a camera and simultaneously viewed by the operator.

II. DESCRIPTION

Photograph No. 1081809 shows an oblique front view, photograph No. 1081810 a rear internal view and photograph No. 1081811 an internal side view showing the sweep chassis. The cabinet is about 27" x 27" x 70" and all controls are above the 30" level so that a table or desk may be built around it.

In the back a full sized door gives easy access to all components and connecting cables are coupled to connectors on a narrow panel at the bottom. Near the top is the cathode ray tube with a magnetic shield around it. Attached to the shield is a metal box containing the resistance voltage divider and the selector switch and the oscillator chassis is attached to the bottom of this box. On the next lower level are the 300 volt and 900 volt power supplies for the sweep circuit. At the bottom are the 25 KV power supply for the cathode ray tube and a voltage regulator. The sweep chassis is mounted on the left side so that

its inside connections are accessible when the side panel is removed.

III. SETTING UP

The oscillograph is shipped with all tubes packed separately. The small tube sockets are marked with the tube type numbers. The instruction book on the voltage regulator shows locations of its tubes. The D.C. calibration circuit is on the front panel and its tubes mount horizontally.

The cathode ray tube 5RP2A is installed as follows:

1. Remove top of cabinet.
2. Remove top of magnetic shield.
3. Place tube in shield in approximate position with accelerator ring terminals to left.
4. Connect leads to rings in same order in which they come thru right side of shield.
5. Connect other leads according to tag numbers to deflection terminals which are counted 1 to 5 in a counterclockwise direction *looking from socket end?*
6. Replace top of shield being careful to see that high voltage leads are properly placed.
7. Turn tube so that ring terminals are on horizontal center line.
8. Adjust lengthwise so that screen is 2" back from front panel.
9. Adjust deflection and sweep leads for maximum separation from each other.

IV. CIRCUIT DESCRIPTION

1. 115 Volt Circuits, M-5113137

This shows the 115 volt wiring and is fairly obvious. A time delay relay provides a one minute interval for filament heating before high voltage circuits can be turned on. ^{Incandescent} ~~Neon~~ lamps in ^{series} parallel with fuses will indicate a blown fuse. The saturated core type voltage regulator provides $\pm 0.2\%$ regulation for the high voltage supplies.

2. High Voltage Circuits, M-5113134

This shows the excitation, and deflection circuits of the cathode ray tube in detail.

The cathode excitation consists of two sources, one a -4 KV half wave rectifier with 0.5 MA divider and a +21 KV voltage doubler circuit with 0.35 MA divider. Jacks on the front panel permit plugging in a milliammeter in the ground ends of the resistance dividers. The current values marked on these jacks are only nominal and some variation may be expected.

The deflection selector switch provides forward and reversed connections of the deflection plates. This permits deflection in the same direction for either polarity of deflection voltage. Vertical bias on the deflection in either direction is obtained by control of the voltage on the plate which otherwise would be grounded.

The resistance voltage divider provides 75 ohm termination for the deflection cable with ratio steps as shown.

3. Power Supplies, 300V-M-5113146, 900V-M-5113147

These are conventional full wave rectifiers with filters. There is also a -640V supply on the 300V chassis for bias and calibration purposes.

4. Calibration Circuits M-5113150

This shows the D.C. calibration circuit and the timing wave oscillator. The D.C. voltage is held constant by VR tubes and wire wound precision resistors. An occasional check with a milliammeter plugged into the jack on the front panel is necessary to maintain accuracy. The 50,000 ohm potentiometer may be adjusted with a screwdriver thru a hole in the front panel until the meter reads 2.50 milliamperes.

The oscillator has four tuned circuits which are adjusted to better than $\pm 1\%$. Better accuracy than this is unnecessary as precise correlation between voltage and time elements in impulse testing is hardly possible anyway.

5. Sweep Circuit M-5113143

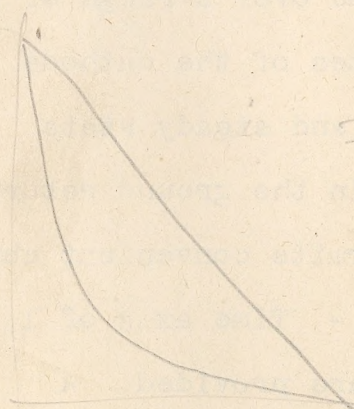
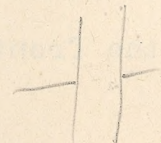
The purpose of this circuit is to produce two voltages of opposite polarity varying linearly with time over a range of some 500 V which connected to the time axis plates of the cathode ray tube produce a linear time axis. Voltages and steady state currents are shown for each tube. A jack in the ground return of each tube carrying steady state current permits convenient checking of tube currents. Operation is as follows - Time axis of 1, 2, 5, 15, 35, 70, 250 and 1000 micro-seconds are provided. A positive pulse of about 25 volts is received on the input terminal from the time delay circuit (described later). This is inverted by tube 1 and fed into tube 2 which with tube 3 constitutes a multivibrator circuit. This triggers off the multivibrator with the result of a square front pulse being put out by tube 3. This cuts off tubes 4 and 5. Cutting off tube 4 causes its plate

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$$i = \frac{200 \times 10^{-12} \times 1000}{10^{-7}}$$

$$i = 2000 \times 10^{-3}$$



oltage to rise 200 volts. This 200 V pulse is coupled to the control grid of the cathode ray tube and serves to reduce its bias so that the beam is established.

Cutting off of tube 5 permits tube 6 to continue carrying its steady state current by drawing upon the charged capacitor C. The linear discharge of C produces the driving signal for tube 7 which in turn drives the final push pull tubes 8 and 9.

As the sweep progresses the current in tube 8 rises and consequently the drop across its cathode bias potentiometer. The potentiometer provides an adjustable feedback signal which drives the multivibrator back to its steady state condition thereby shutting off the beam at the end of the time axis.

This circuit is somewhat critical of the type of pulse that will trigger it. A steep front of +20 volts or so with slow unidirectional tail is preferred. With slower fronts greater amplitude is required especially with the faster sweeps. Oscillations in the signal may cause disturbances in the multivibrator resulting in a shortened sweep or other irregularities.

6. Time Delay Circuit M-5113145

This is built into the sweep circuit chassis and its terminals are shared with the sweep terminals. To trace its action it is necessary to refer to the 115 volt circuit diagram M-5113137.

The purpose of this circuit is to provide the initiating pulse for the sweep circuit and a positive pulse of higher value for tripping a thyatron in the trip surge generator. This generator is a separate piece of equipment used for coordinating the oscillograph and a large surge generator. The time interval between these two pulses is adjustable by means of the resistor R

which is on a tap switch geared to the sweep switch. Fine adjustment is by means of the variable capacitor.

Pushing the green button closes relay 2 first and then relay 1. Relay 2 prevents firing of tube 2 and relay 1 causes firing of tube 1. Terminal 3 is either grounded solidly or thru a synchronous switch associated with other surge generator equipment.

For observing surge generator transients the red button is operated closing only relay 1. When tube 1 fires, the grid of tube 2 is started upward thru resistor R and as it changes from negative to positive it fires. This sends a positive pulse out to trip the trip surge generator.

PHOTOGRAPHIC RECORDING

The camera is mounted on the front of the camera holder with control knobs on the top and is held in place by two knurled nuts. Its lens speed of F1.5 is required only on the faster sweeps. F4 or even F6 will give good results on the slowest ones. Eastman Superpan XX35/mm film and D72 developer has been used for years although there may be some faster films now available such as Cinagraph Pan.

On the bottom side there is a small catch which may be turned 90 degrees to remove the top half of the film holder. The film pool is placed in the left end and the film moved toward the right by turning the winding knob as shown by the arrow. When a roll is finished, the winding knob will not turn and the film must be wound into its original container before removal. Before re-rolling the winding knob is pulled out about 1/8" to release the free wheel mechanism in it which keeps the film tight. Near (on next page)

the winding knob there is a small button which must be pressed to allow winding up each new exposure. However, in this application two or three records may be taken on the space provided for an exposure by moving the film less than the full amount each time.

A solenoid operated shutter is located inside the camera holder. It may be turned off by means of the shutter switch on top of the camera housing. The lens shutter is normally left open and all recording done with the solenoid shutter. An interlock on the solenoid shutter prevents time delay circuit operation before the shutter is fully open.

VI. OPERATION

Connecting cables all attach at the lower rear panel. A three conductor plug carries 115 volt 60 cycle supply and ground leads. Other coaxial cable plugs are marked and are for -

1. resistance voltage divider
2. deflection plate
3. pulse and bias to trip surge generator
4. for connection to synchronous switch or ground.

The 115V switch is closed first and after a minute for heating the 900 volt switch is closed. The 300 volt switch should be closed a few seconds later. This is to prevent excessive screen grid currents in the 4D32 tubes which would flow if the procedure was reversed. The 25 KV is turned on last after making sure that the intensity knob is on zero. It is a good precaution to be looking in at the screen whenever turning on the cathode excitation and to keep one's fingers on the switch ready to turn it off in

case of any trouble. If the cathode beam is established in a spot with any intensity it will melt a hole in the screen in a few seconds.

For long life the tube should be operated at intensities as low as will give good results for the particular type of work being done.

Operating potentials on the grid and focusing anode vary from tube to tube and therefore three extra potentiometers are mounted on the beam control sub-panel for making adjustments beyond the range of the dial controls.

These potentiometers are shown on the high voltage circuit diagram. The one near the intensity control is set so that with the intensity control on zero the slowest sweep is just barely visible. The two near the focus potentiometer are always operated together so that they both have the same angular setting. These are adjusted to bring the focus points near the middle of the dial. Focus knob setting will remain about constant for all sweeps except the two fast ones. For these two it will require turning one way or the other perhaps a half turn

VII. TROUBLE SHOOTING

1. Loss of Intensity. Check 4KV and 21KV resistor currents in jack with milliammeter. 21KV will be low if one rectifier tube fails.

2. Trouble in sweep. Check tube currents with plug-in milliammeter. Check all voltage points. Check tubes. Look for burned out resistors or broken down capacitors.

poor focus on film with good focus on screen. Check tube
position. Screen should be 2" back from panel.

Of course with a complex instrument of this kind there can be
many causes of trouble as there are components and trouble.
Following instructions would fill a book if everything was included.

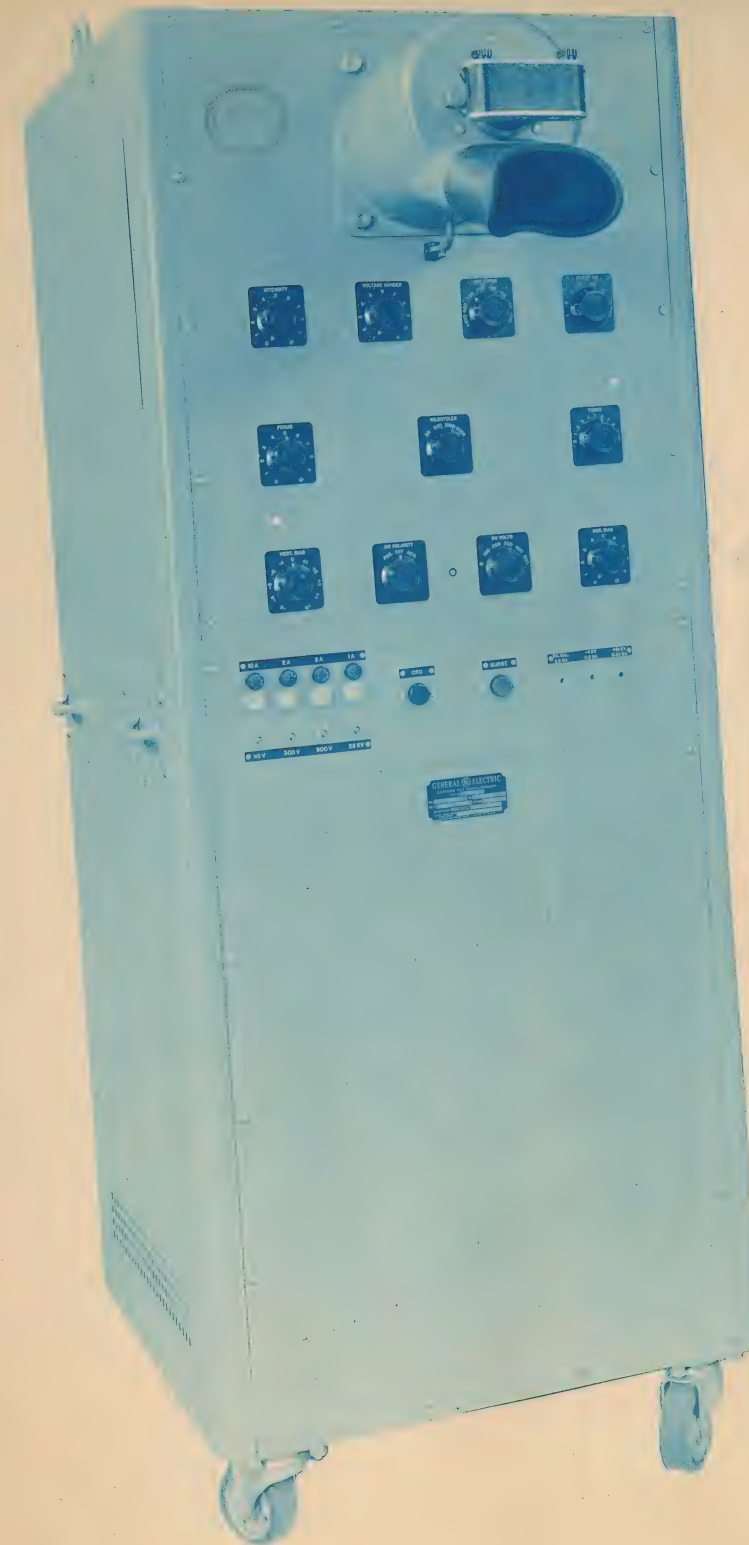
Therefore, no attempt will be made to go into more detail. A
careful study of the diagrams and a good understanding of the theories
involved will help more than a lengthy instruction book.

III. RENEWAL PARTS

Order 5RP2A (green long persistence screen) or 5RP11A (blue short
persistence screen) cathode ray tubes direct from the Allen B.
Rumondt Company. Other parts from the General Electric Company,
Connecticut - General Engineering and Consulting Laboratory.

IV. CAUTIONS

1. Always be sure that oscillograph cabinet is grounded before
operating
2. Use fuses of the sizes engraved on marker plates to get
adequate protection
3. If any work is to be done on the 25KV supply, its capacitor
busings should be grounded to take off any residual charge.
This should be done after allowing about 15 seconds for the
charges to leak off thru the resistance divider.



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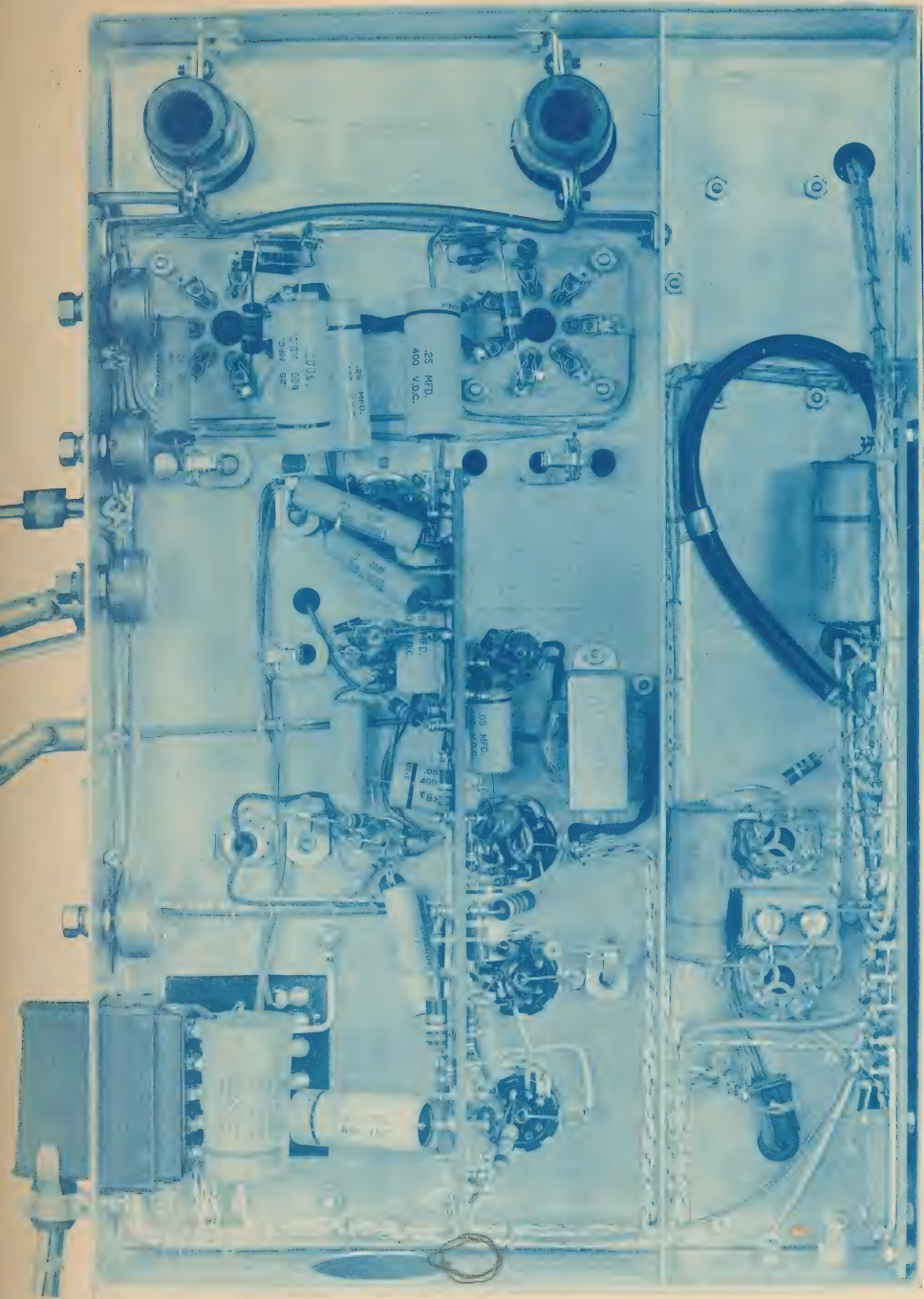
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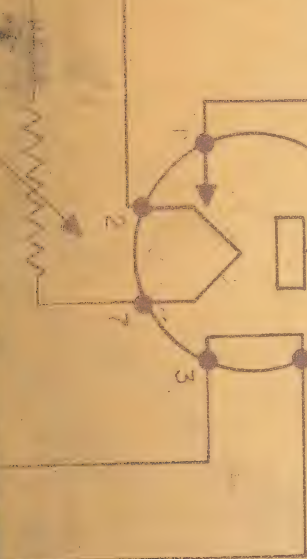
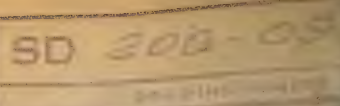
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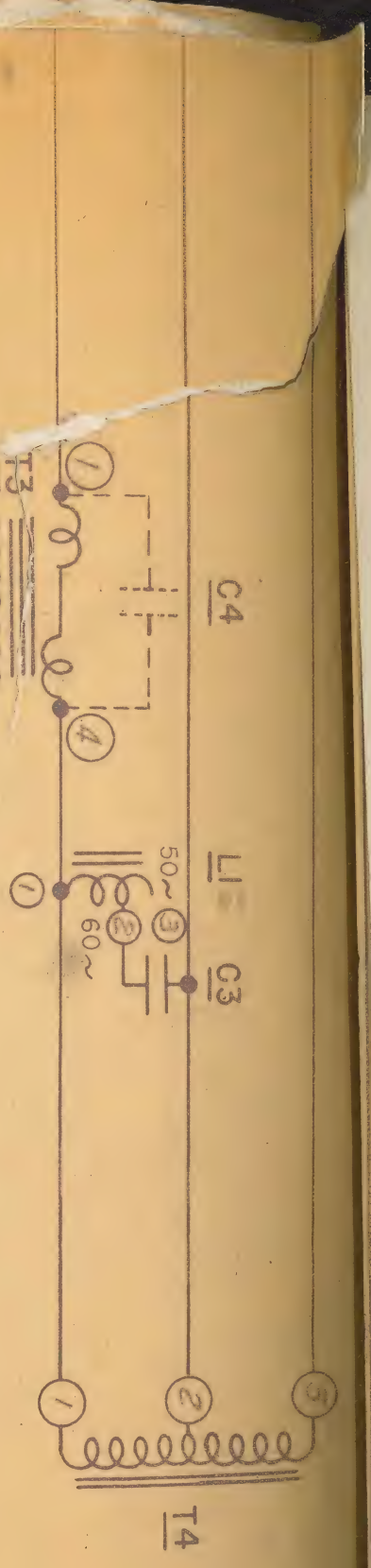
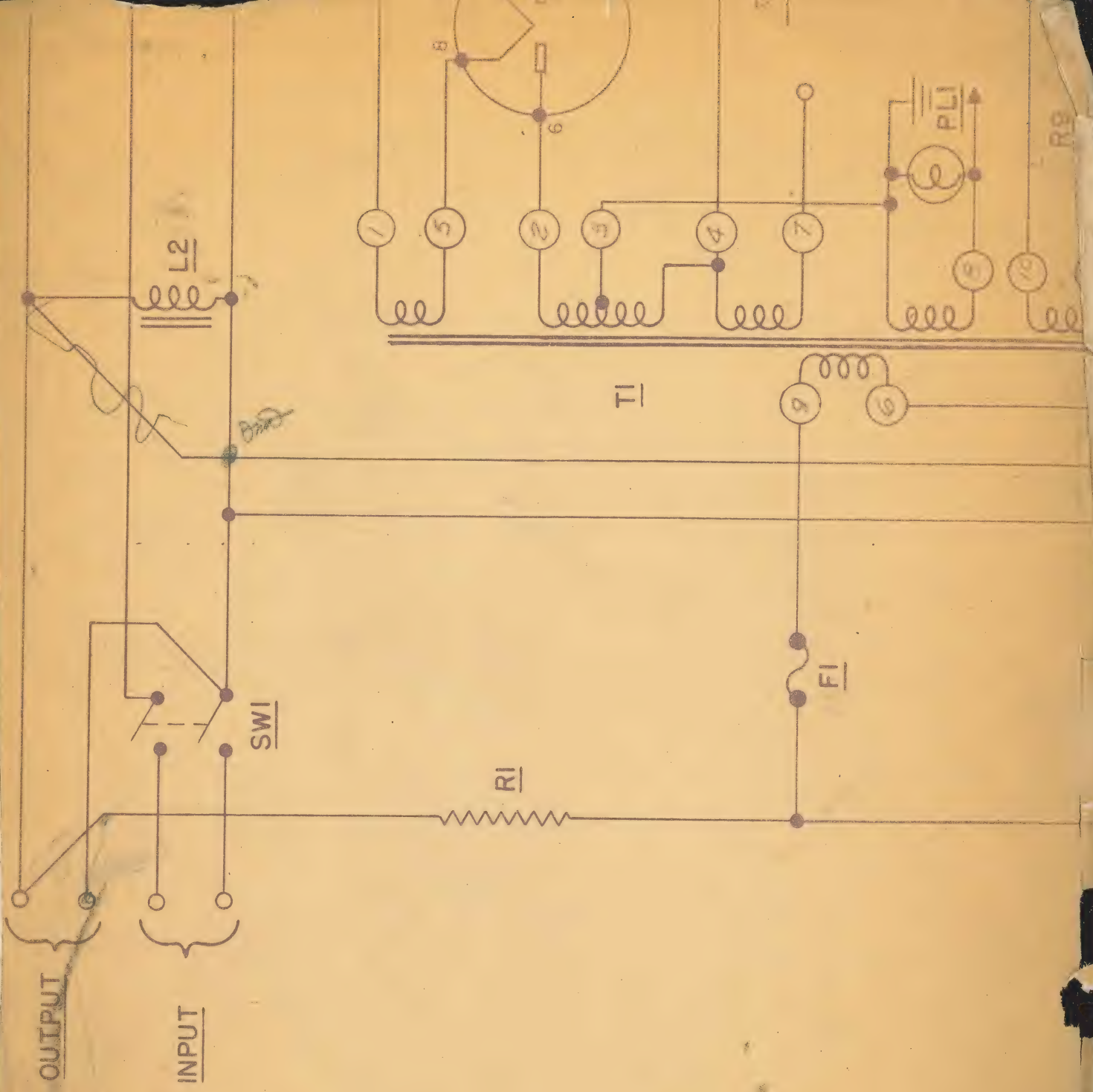
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RC-25-C1 X-RAY CATHODE-RAY OSCILLOGRAPH, TYPE RC-25-C1. FRONT VIEW (OBlique FROM LEFT)







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R12	27K Ω 2W	T1	POWER TRANS. 816	V1	2AS15
R13	4.7 MEG Ω 1W	T2	COMP TRANS 904	V2	6L6
R14	25K Ω 10W	T3	SAT. CORE REACTOR 1173 AC 1174 DC	V3	5Y3
		T4	AUTO TRANS 205		
C1	8 MFD. 500VDC ELECT.			FI	FUSE 1AMP 3AG
C2	0.1 MFD. 1000V				
C3	4 MFD. 600V	L1	3RD. HAR. CHOKE 1093	SWI	SWITCH DPST
C4	*0.1 MFD. 600V	L2	LOADING CHOKE 744		
				PLI	PILOT LIGHT
				SI	SEL. RECT. 5E5L32H

* ADDED IN TEST AS NECESSARY

ENCIRCLED VALUES ARE NORMAL
D.C. POTENTIALS TO GROUND (CHASSIS)
AT 115 V.A.C. INPUT, 115 V.A.C. OUTPUT,
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R3		RI4	25K Ω 10W	T3	SAT. CORE RECTOR 1175 AC 1170 DC	V3	5Y3
R4	10K Ω } 35,000 Ω TAPPED AT			T4	AUTO TRANS. 205		
R5	25K Ω } 10K Ω 20W	CI	8 MFD. 500VDC ELECT.			FI	FUSE 1AMP 3AG
R6		C2	0.1 MFD. 1000V				
R7	1.8 MEG 1W	C3	4 MFD. 600V	L1	3RD. HAR. CHOKE 1093	SWI	SWITCH DPST
RB	DIODE ADJUST.	C4	*0.1 MFD. 600V	L2	LOADING CHOKE 744		
R9	1.23 W POT.					PLI	PILOT LIGHT
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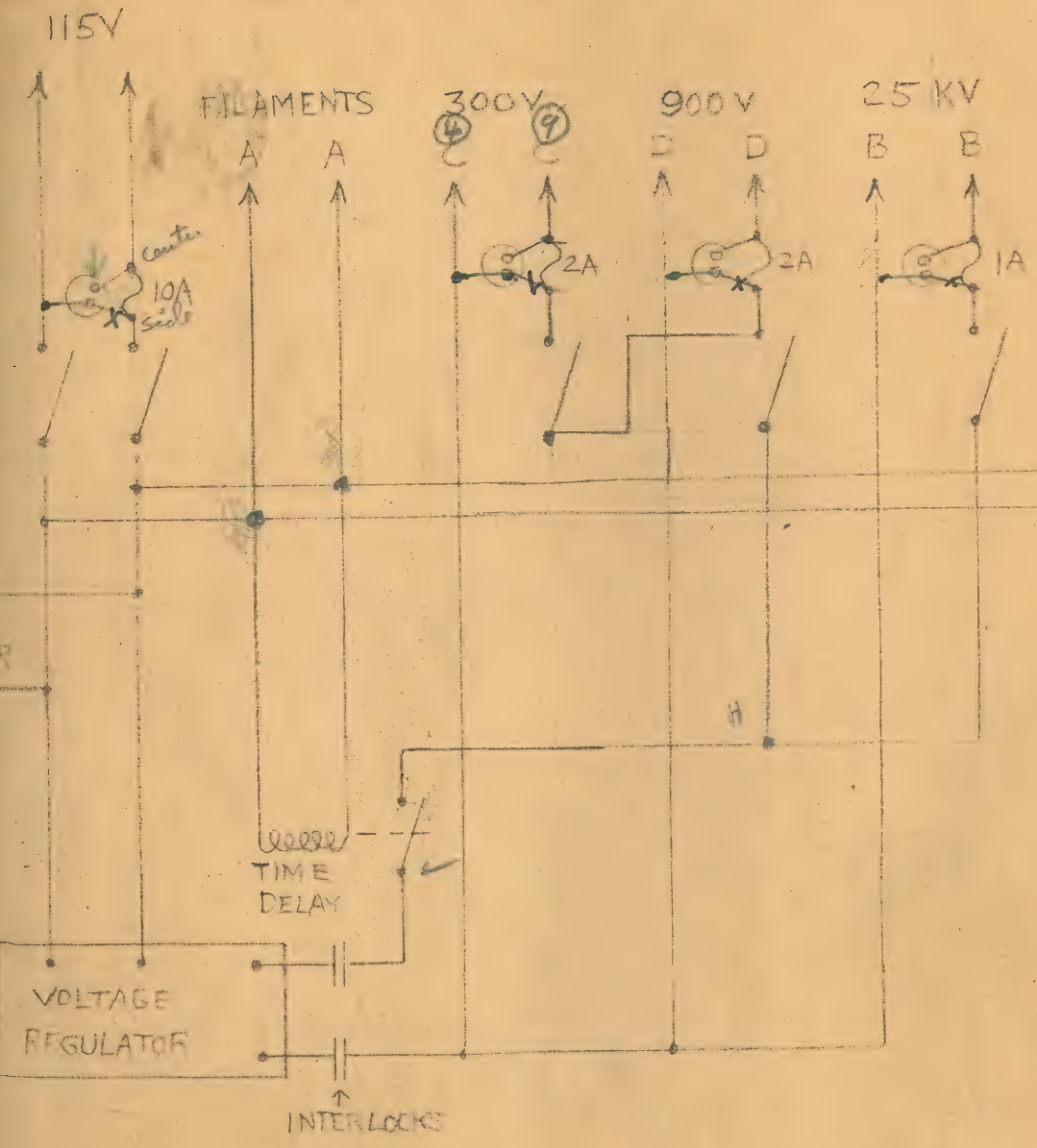
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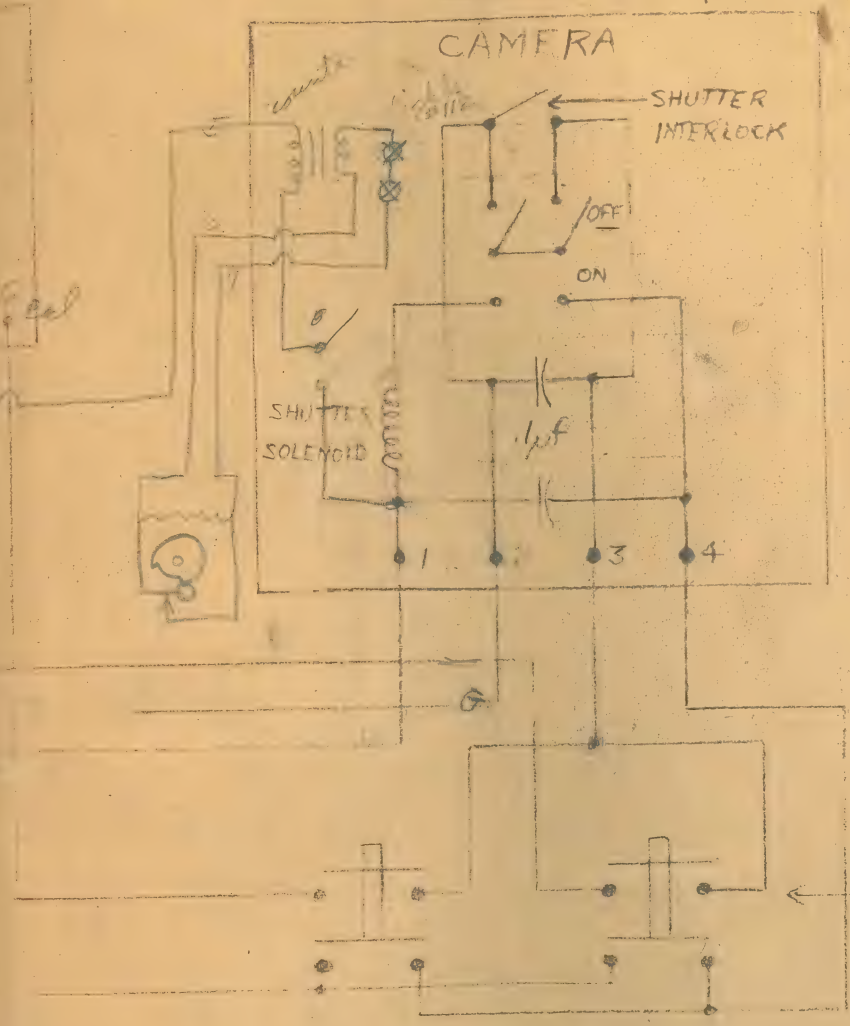
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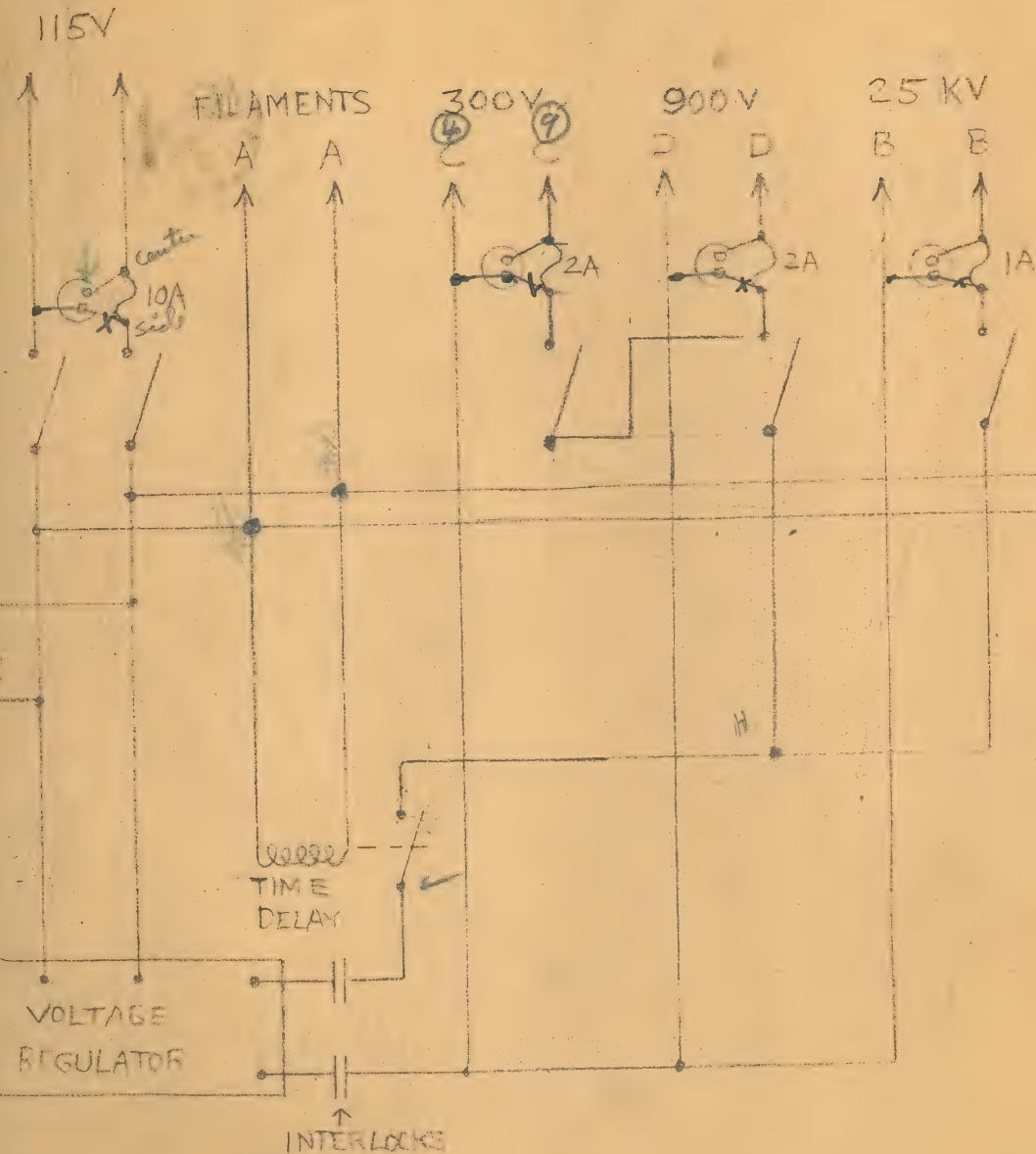
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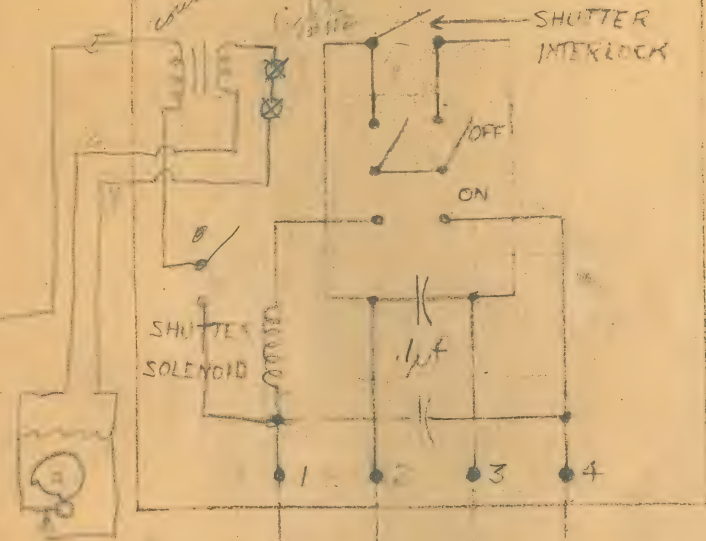
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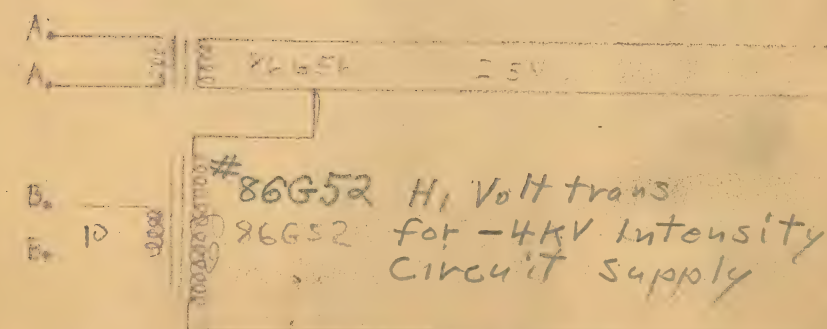
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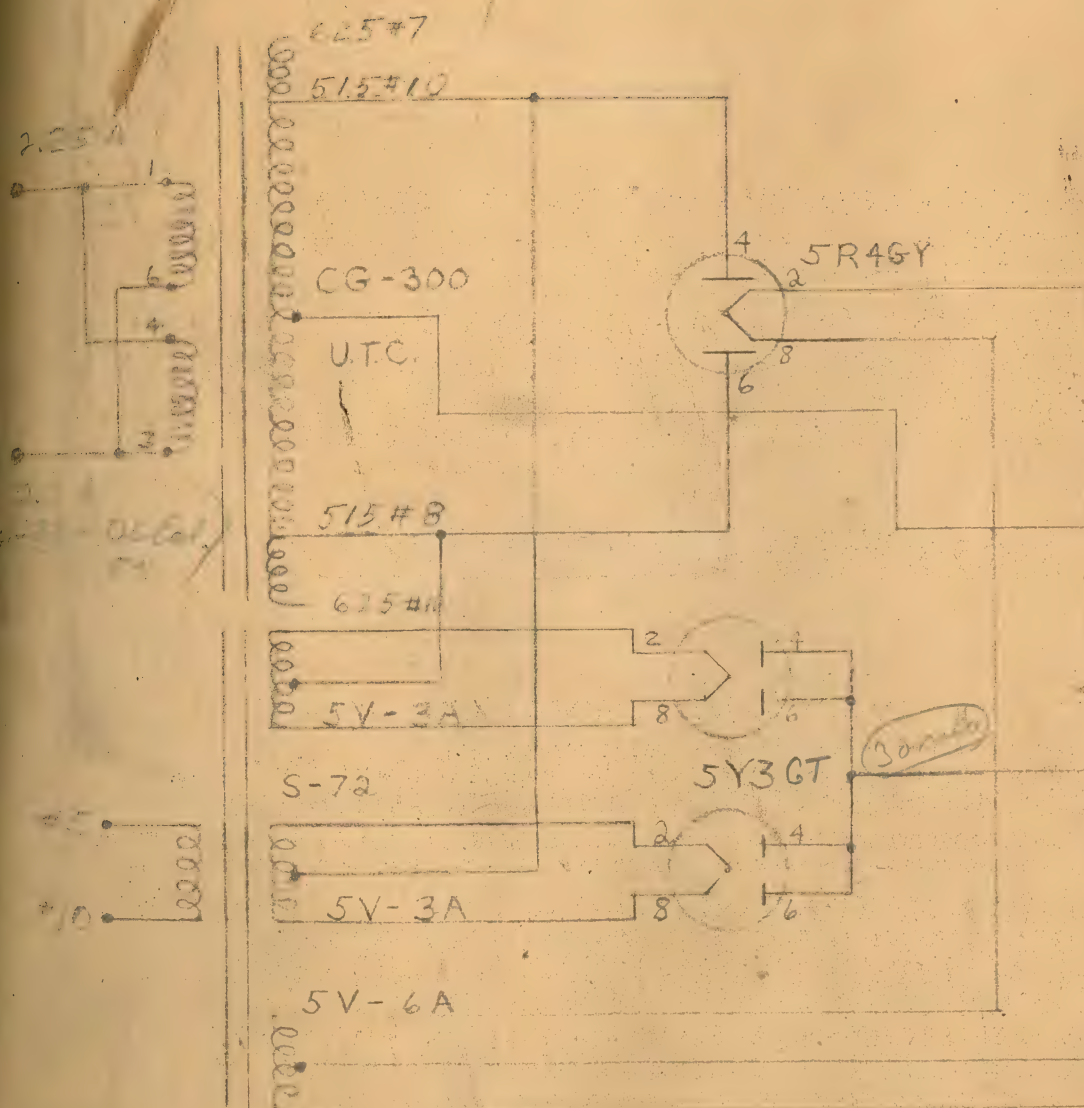
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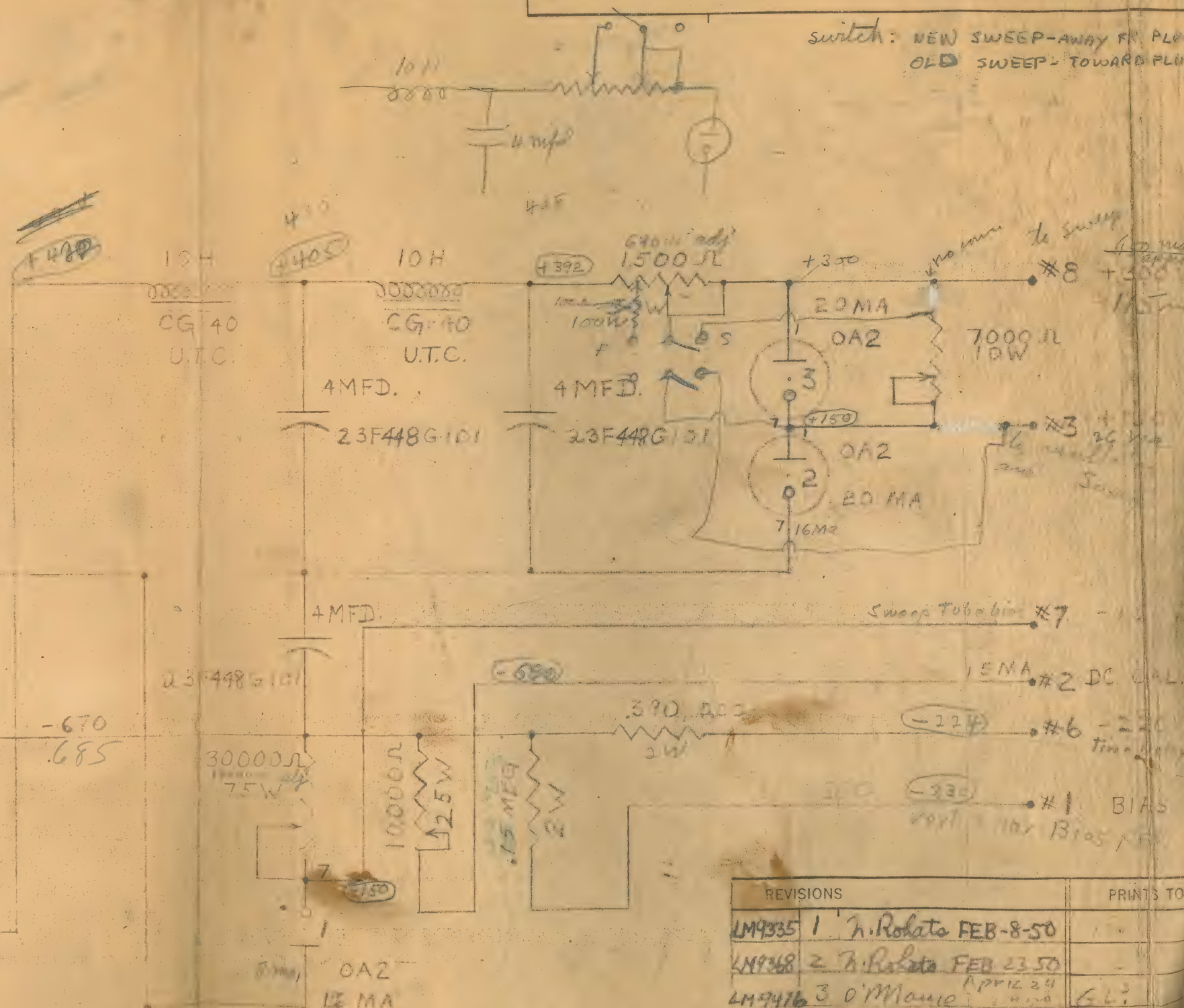
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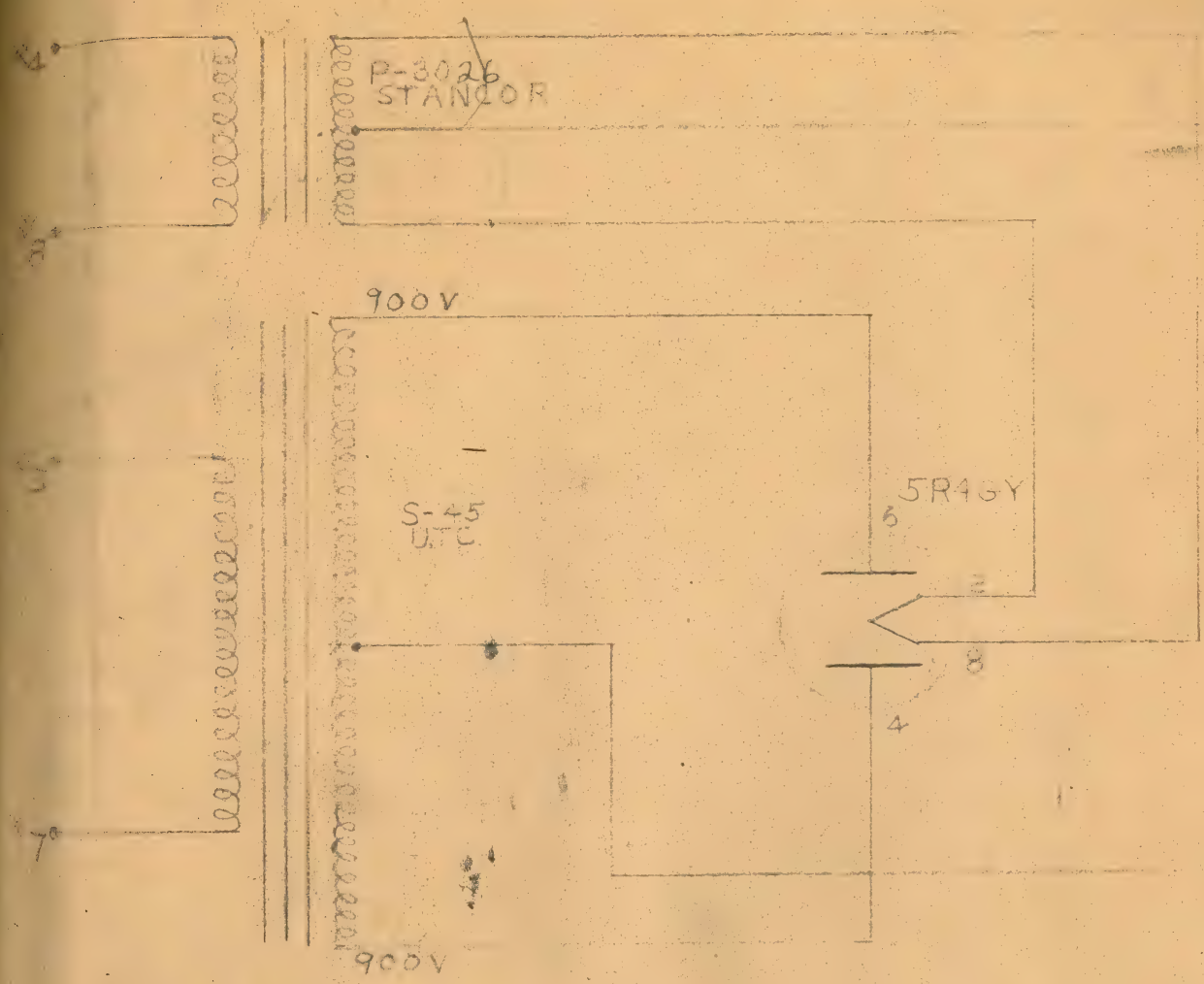
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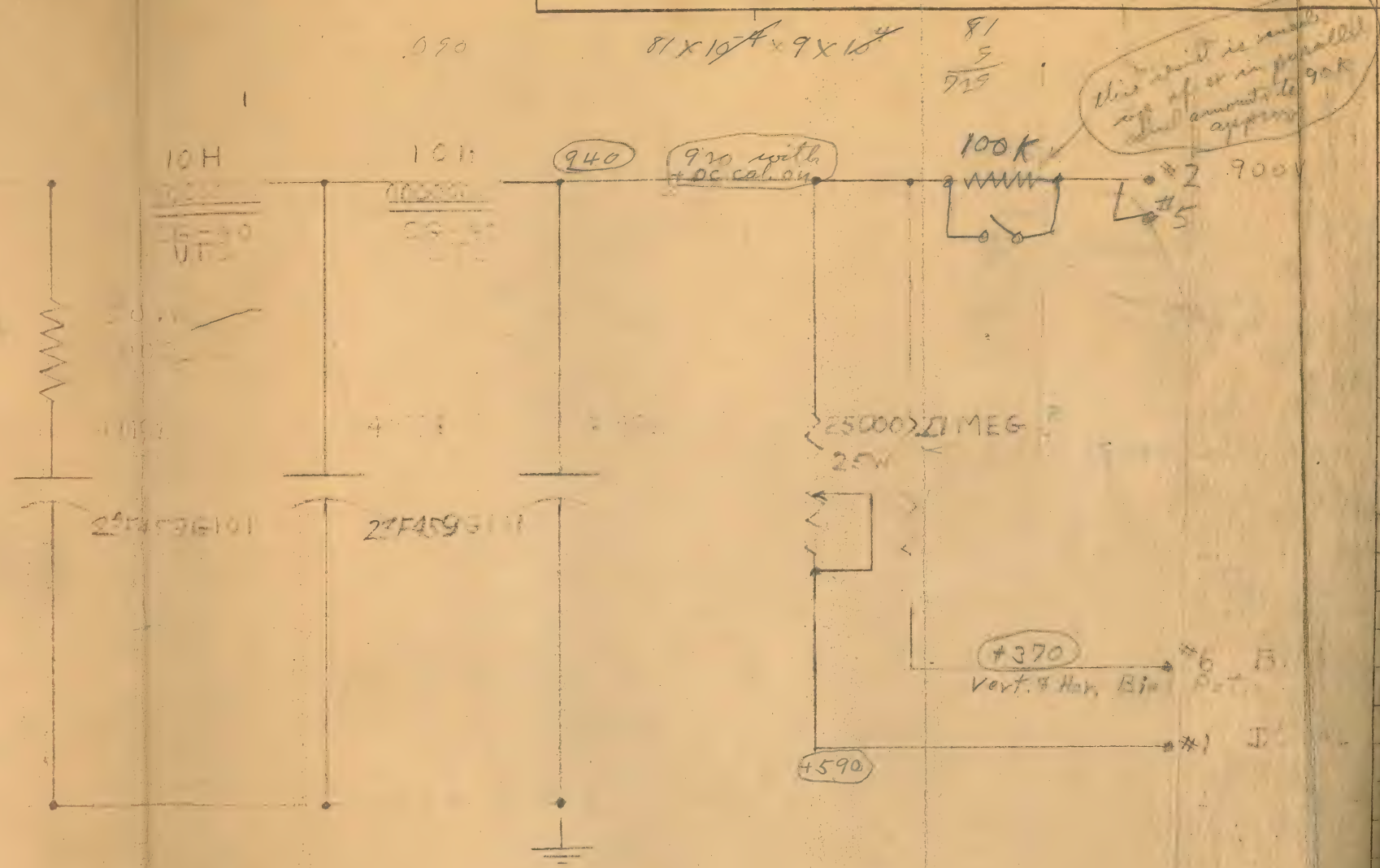
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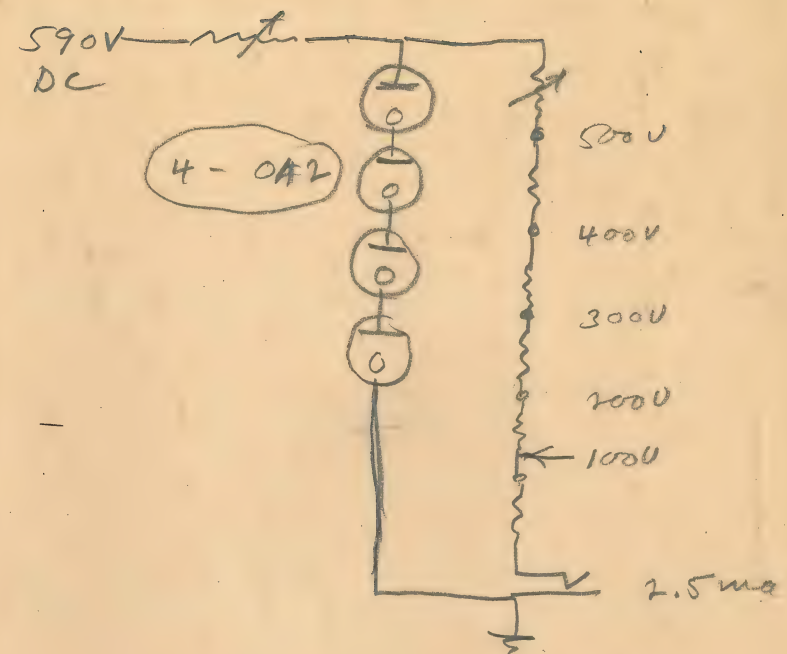
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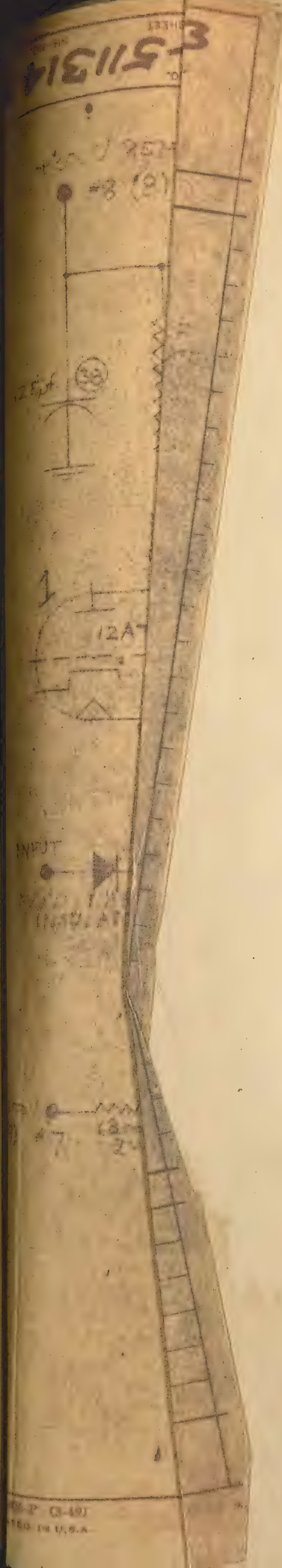
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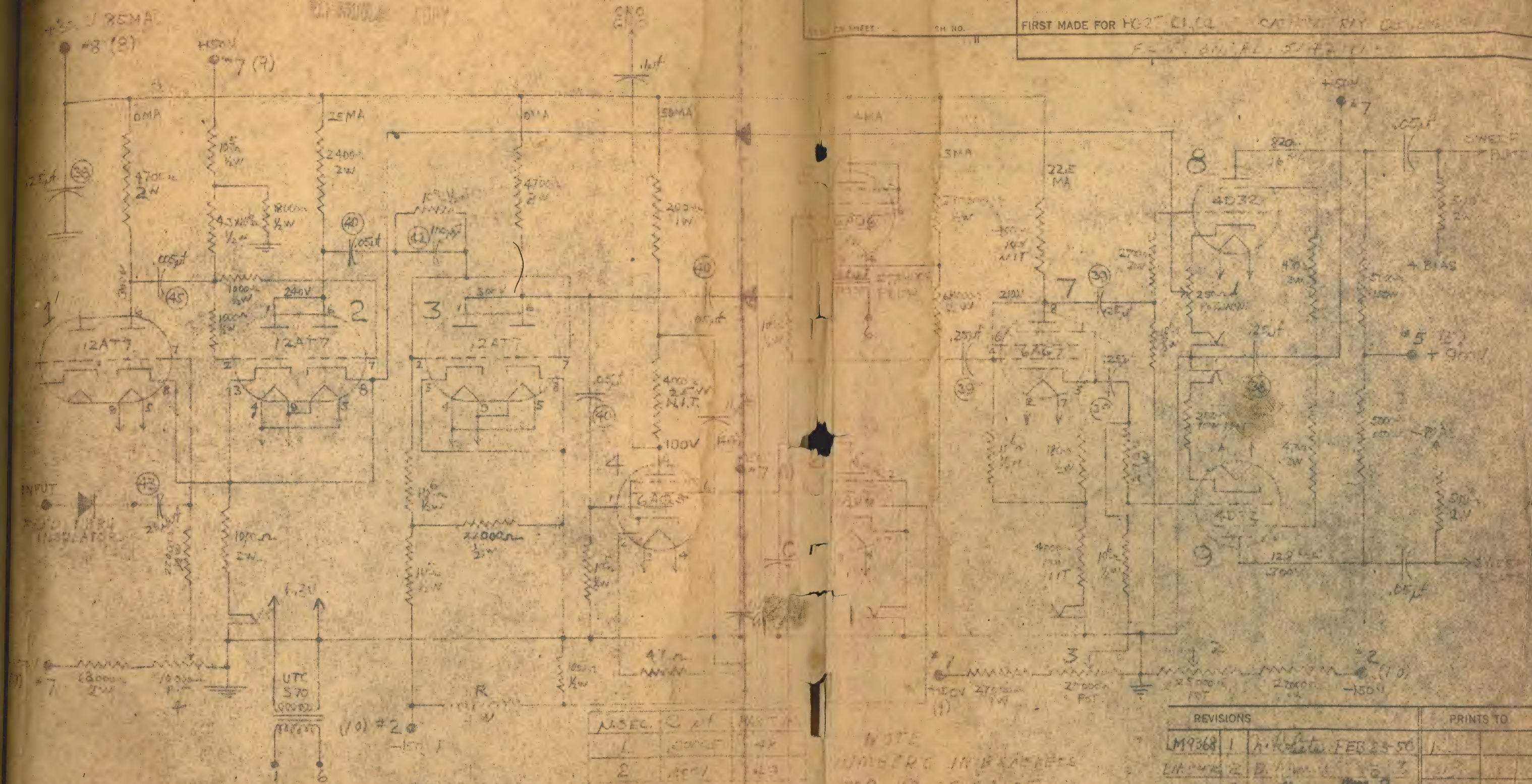
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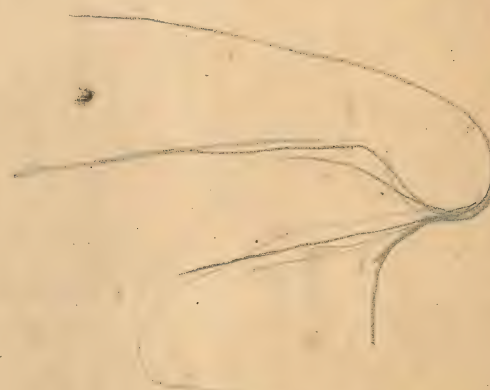
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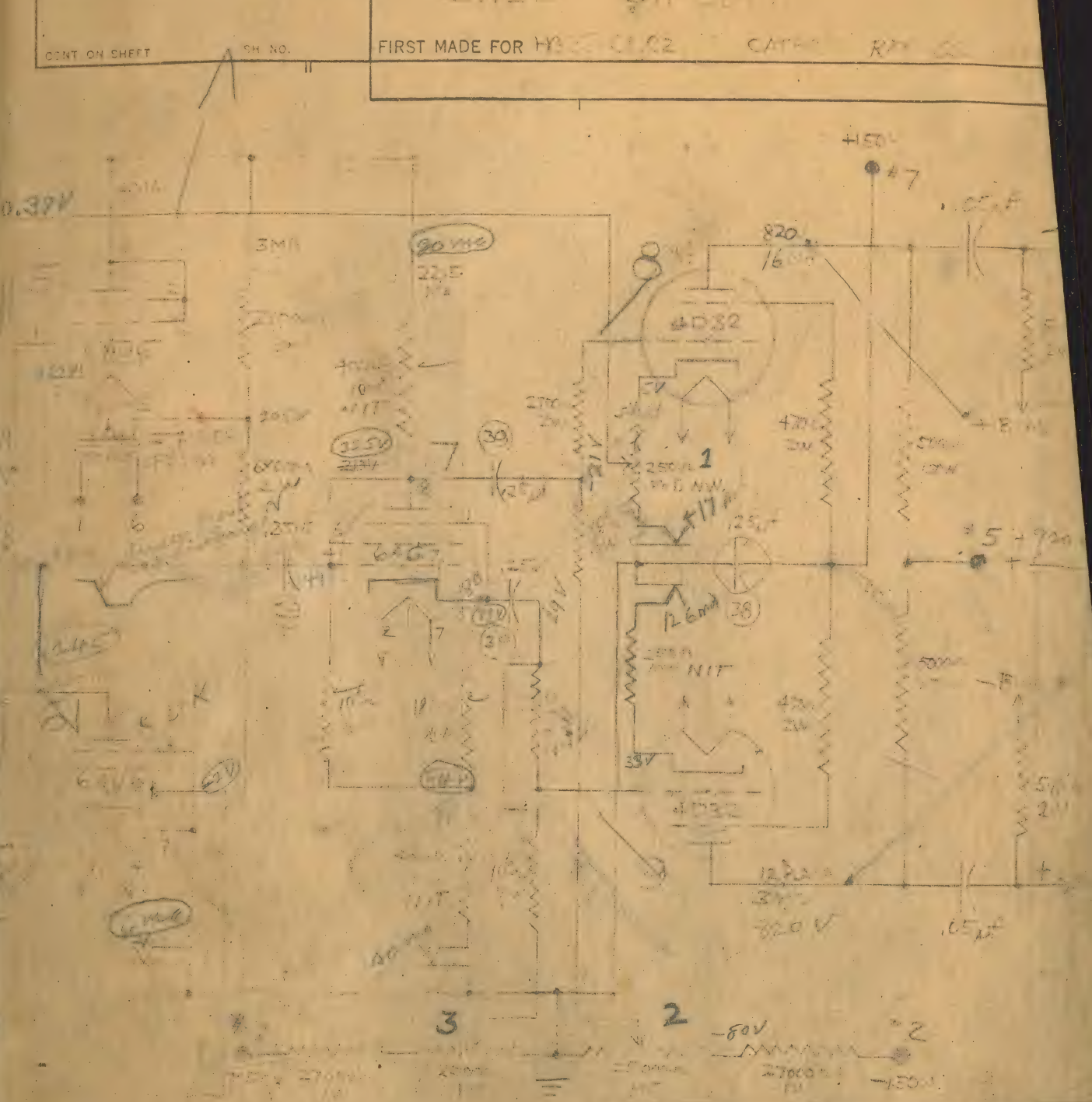
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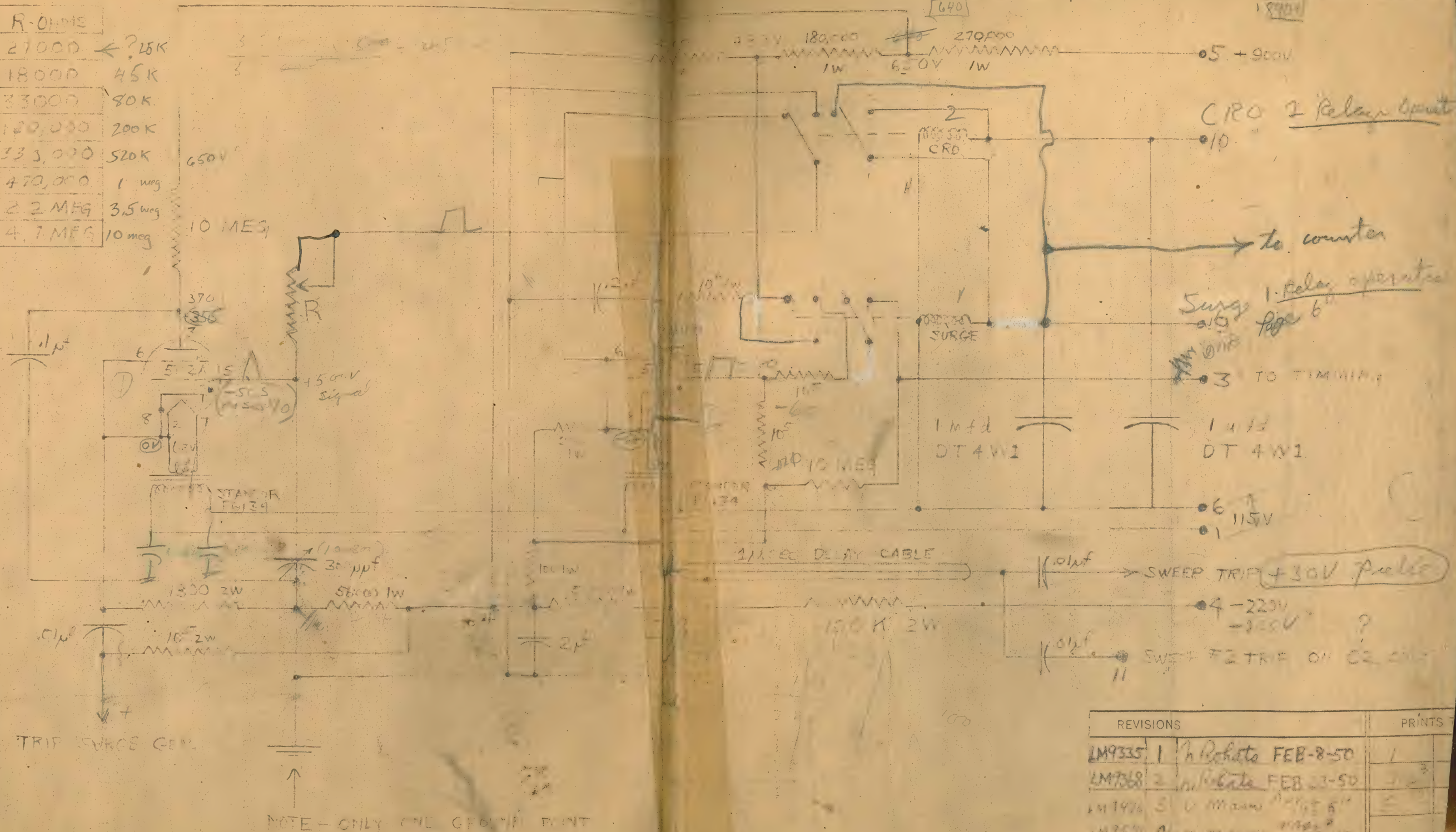
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$$X_v = \frac{2\pi f h \times 10^{-6}}{10^{10}}$$

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Time delay

1	21000	← 25K
2	18000	45K
5	33000	80K
15	120,000	200K
35	333,000	520K
70	470,000	1 meg
250	2.2 MEG	3.5 meg
1100	4.7 MEG	10 meg

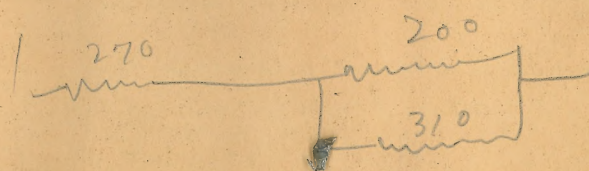
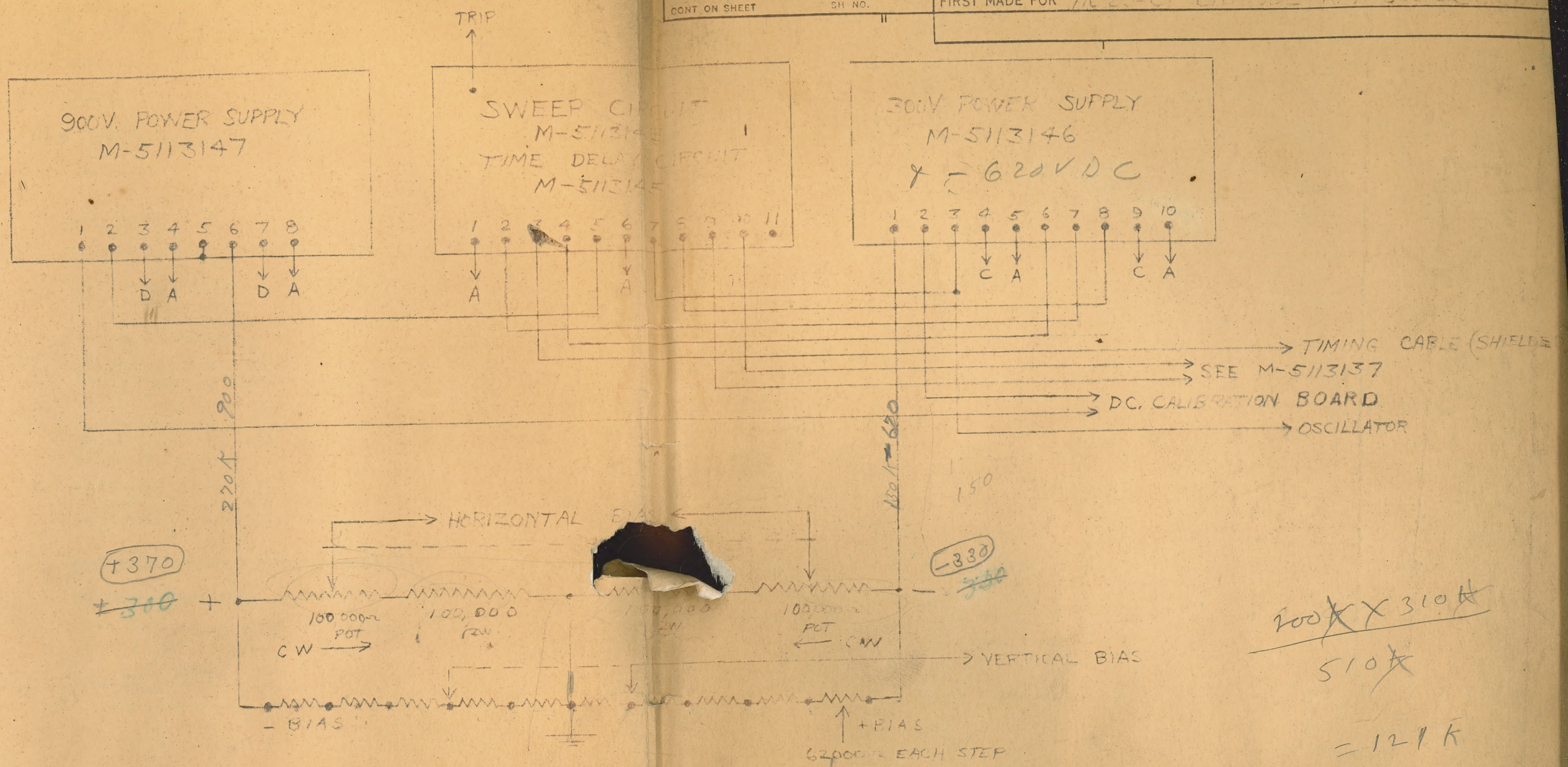


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INSTRUCTION MANUAL

FOR USE WITH

SORENSEN

AC LINE REGULATORS AND NOBATRONS

GENERAL INFORMATION

Before you begin to use your new Sorensen instrument, please read this instruction book very carefully.

The Sorensen Regulator or Nobatron is a precision instrument. This does not mean that your Sorensen instrument will not stand rough handling—it will. How much, will, of course, depend on your own experience and good judgement. You have chosen the Sorensen unit over all other similar types of equipment for any of the reasons listed below —

- Wide input range
- Precise regulation accuracy
- Excellent wave form
- Insensitivity to line frequency fluctuations
- Adjustable output voltage
- Fast recovery time

The experience and "know-how" which have made Sorensen the first line of STANDARD electronic voltage regulators, stand behind this instrument. If, for any reason, difficulties are encountered, notify the factory at once . . . DO NOT ATTEMPT ADJUSTMENTS OR REPAIRS WITHOUT FIRST NOTIFYING THE FACTORY. DO NOT TAMPER WITH ANY OF THE COMPONENTS. UNINSTRUCTED TAMPERING WITH ANY OF THE COMPONENTS WILL VOID YOUR GUARANTEE FOR THAT PARTICULAR PART.

Requests for information and service

Questions concerning the operation or malfunctioning of this instrument should be directed to the Service Department, Sorensen & Company, Inc., 375 Fairfield Avenue, Stamford, Connecticut.

Sorensen & Company, Inc. has adopted a sales and service policy which is meant to be a protection to you, the purchaser, and Sorensen & Company, Inc. as supplier.

Inspect instruments at once for shipping damage

Shipments should be inspected by the buyer upon delivery and in the event of damage in transit, a claim should be filed against the carrier at once.

warranty

Defective instruments or defective components found in the instruments will be considered for adjustment only if Sorensen & Company, Inc. is notified within the Warranty period specified. The period of Warranty (with the exception of the tubes) for this instrument is one year from date of your acceptance.

The Sorensen diode is unconditionally guaranteed for 2500 hours or one year, whichever expires first.

The instrument and materials are warranted against defective workmanship and construction, and no other warranty may be implied.

The warranty only covers equipment that is maintained in proper condition and is used by you in a skillful and proper manner. No other warranties may be implied.

procedure for returning damaged or defective material

When claiming adjustment for defective materials, the following procedure should be followed:

A. A request should be made directly to the Service Department of Sorensen & Company, Inc. for authorization to return the defective instrument. In order that your request can be serviced as quickly as possible, it is necessary to list the following information:

- 1 The order number on which the instrument was shipped.
- 2 Model number and serial number of the instrument.
- 3 A brief description of the reason for rejection.

B. It will be determined by the Service Department of Sorensen & Company, Inc. whether a repair will be attempted at your plant by one of our Field Engineers or Representatives. If this is to be done we will notify you immediately and make arrangements for a visit to your plant. If we indicate that the material is to be returned to our Plant for repair or replacement, a RETURN MATERIAL TAG which outlines shipping procedure will be sent to you.

Defective materials returned to us without RETURN MATERIAL TAG will be sent to us entirely at the risk of the customer. Repair of this instrument might be delayed if an unauthorized return is made.

- C. This instrument should be packed as carefully for return as when originally received. The instruments are precision equipment and in many cases very heavy. Transformers and other components should be carefully blocked.
- D. If the instrument to be returned is mounted in a cabinet, remove from the cabinet and return only the instrument. Under no circumstances (except by specific instructions from Sorensen & Company, Inc.) return both.

THE INSTRUMENT

Ratings

All ratings of units are to be found on the enclosed schematic diagrams.

Description

- A. On most models a pilot light on the front panel indicates that the electronic control circuit is receiving power and that the regulator should be functioning.
- B. The Screw driver adjusted control permits adjustment of output voltage setting.
- C. Various methods are used in the different models to obtain input and output voltages. On low capacity units, a line cord and plug assembly is provided for input connection. Output voltage is then taken from a dual female receptacle. On larger models, the input and output terminals are to be found on the chassis. TO ELIMINATE ANY CONFUSION, REFERENCE SHOULD BE MADE TO THE SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM ENCLOSED. Inter-chassis connections for Nobatrons made up of more than one chassis can be found on the block diagrams enclosed.
- D. With the exception of the Sorensen diode, all tubes are common commercial types. Diode replacements may be obtained from Sorensen & Company, Inc.

Comments

The unit is intended to operate within the loads indicated on the accompanying schematic diagram. Regulation accuracy is maintained to some degree below minimum load; however, the rated accuracy is not guaranteed except as noted.

If measurements of output voltage are taken for purposes of checking the accuracy or regulation, true RMS reading voltmeters should be used, as the regulator

regulates the RMS value of the output voltage. Rectifier or vacuum-tube type voltmeters are not suitable for this purpose. Measurements should be made directly at the output terminals and not at the end of a line leading to the load. The regulator will deliver constant voltage to its terminals regardless of load changes, but will not compensate for drop in the external wiring.

Principle of operation

The operation of the unit can best be understood by referring to the schematic diagrams included.

The basic power circuit is shown in heavy lines and includes an autotransformer T4 and a saturable core reactor T3. The reactor is in series with the primary of the autotransformer across the input terminals. Variation of the impedance of the saturable core reactor will vary the voltage impressed on the primary of the autotransformer and consequently will vary the output voltage.

A decrease in reactor impedance, for instance, will increase the portion of the input voltage impressed on the autotransformer primary and will result in an increase in output voltage. Conversely, an increase in reactor impedance will result in a decrease in output voltage.

All that is necessary to achieve voltage regulation is some automatic method of varying the reactor impedance by the right amount to restore the output voltage to its original value at such times as it may vary due to changes in load or input voltage. This action is accomplished by the electronic control circuit.

The basic voltage sensitive element is the Wheatstone Bridge. One arm of the bridge consists of the diode filament of which is lighted by the output voltage. In some low capacity models only two arms of the bridge show on the schematic diagram. The power supply has the missing two arms by virtue of its arrangement.

The diode is operated at a temperature limited condition. With this arrangement, a small increment of output voltage results in a change in cathode emission and a large change of plate resistance in the diode. The signal voltage of the bridge is applied to the grid of the power tube V2 which controls the DC saturating current of the reactor.

A typical sequence of operations is as follows: As a rise in output voltage as a result of reduced load or a rise in input voltage. Increased output voltage results in increased voltage and heating of the diode filament. With increased heating, the diode cathode emission increases reducing the plate resistance of the tube. Since the diode forms an arm of the bridge, a change in plate resistance will change the balance condition of the bridge; in this instance the change results in a more negative potential applied to the grid of V2. The more negative grid signal results in a sharp drop in the plate current of V2 and consequently reduced saturation of the reactor. Reduced DC saturation

of the reactor results in an increase in AC impedance which, as pointed out before, lowers the output voltage.

The above action will continue until an equilibrium is reached wherein the net change in output voltage is sufficient to compensate for the changed circuit conditions in the control circuit. The gain of the control system is of such magnitude that the unit will maintain output voltage within the tolerance indicated on the schematic diagram while compensating for the rated range of input voltage and load variations.

Tubes V3 and V4 found in most models, are rectifier tubes in the DC power supplies for the saturating circuit and diode bridge circuit respectively. In some low capacity units, a miniature selenium rectifier is used. Adjustment of output voltage is accomplished by the potentiometer in the circuit supplying the diode filament. Variation of resistance in this circuit varies the value of output voltage required to obtain a given diode filament temperature, and consequently will control output voltage.

The resistor shown connected between the plate and screen of tube V2 (across terminals 9 and 10 in high capacity models) is a swamping resistor to absorb inductive surges originating in the DC reactor winding. The winding has a very high inductance.

When the regulator is first turned on, electronic circuit elements are cold and a period of approximately 60 seconds is required for the unit to reach operating temperature. During this period, the output voltage will be low; however, as the tubes begin to conduct, the output voltage rapidly rises to its proper adjusted value. This is a normal condition and in no way indicates any malfunctioning of the regulator.

Maintenance and Trouble Shooting

During normal life, the unit requires no maintenance or servicing other than the care usually afforded this type of equipment. Vacuum tubes should be replaced at the end of their specified life in accordance with the policies established for the particular application.

In the event of malfunctioning of the unit due to deterioration or failure of any of its component parts, a systematic checking procedure will provide the quickest and surest method of locating the difficulty. The following section gives systematic checking procedures which should be followed in locating sources of trouble.

The schematic shows the voltages which should exist at various parts of the circuit during normal operation. These voltages should be measured with an electronic type voltmeter.

NOTE: DANGEROUS VOLTAGES EXIST IN THE CONTROL CIRCUITS. OBSERVE APPROPRIATE PRECAUTIONS.

TROUBLE SHOOTING

THE FIRST STEP IN TROUBLE SHOOTING SHOULD BE TO REPLACE TUBES. IN MOST CASES THIS IS ENOUGH TO CURE THE TROUBLE.

problem A No output voltage.

This condition indicates an open in the power circuit.

procedure

1. Check that the On-Off control is in the "ON" position.
2. Check autotransformer, AC reactor coils, circuit breaker, power leads, and terminals for continuity.

problem B No Regulation and Low Output Voltage With Load.

No Regulation and Low Output Voltage With Load. *This condition indicates the failure of the electronic control circuit to supply saturating current.*

procedure

1. Check the fuse in the control circuit. Replace only with a similar type.
2. Inspect tube filaments to see that they are lit.
3. Check tubes in a tube tester or by replacement.
4. Check the DC power supply to the saturating circuit by checking the value of DC voltage. No voltage will indicate a failure of the transformer winding or of the filter condenser. Check rectifier tube.
5. Check the plate voltage and grid voltage of the beam power tube V2. If the grid voltage is abnormally negative and causing cut off, check the diode bridge supply voltage and the diode filament supply voltage.
6. Check the DC reactor winding for an open.
7. Check the over-voltage circuit breaker if one is used in your unit.
8. In the case of split-chassis construction, check the inter-chassis terminal boards for secure and correct connections.

problem C No Regulation and High Output Voltage.

This condition indicates that the control circuit is over-saturating the reactor. It may also be the result of shorted turns in the reactor AC coils.

procedure

1. Check to see that the diode filament is lit.
2. Check tube V2 in a tube tester or replace with a spare.
3. Check V2 grid voltage to cathode or ground. If this voltage is abnormally positive, or zero, check contacts, connections and resistance values of all components of the bridge. Check diode or replace with a spare. Check bridge rectifier.
4. Check the voltage adjusting potentiometer for dirty contacts.

problem D Drift with Age of the Range of Output Voltage.

This condition indicates a variation of tube characteristics with age.

procedure

1. Check tubes and replace accordingly.

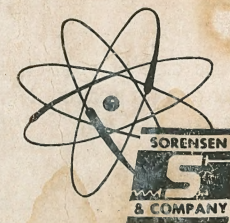
problem E Reduction of Regulation Range or Poor Regulation in General.

These conditions may be the result of deterioration or failure of various components of the control circuit.

procedure

1. Check tubes or replace with spares.
2. Check the DC Power supply voltages.
3. Check the control circuit in general for loose connections, shorts or damaged parts.
4. Check voltage and resistance values. Check condensers by replacement.
5. The output voltage adjustable potentiometer may cause irregular output adjustment. Turn the potentiometer shaft several times in both directions as far as it will go. This is a very low resistance adjustment and contacts can oxidize enough to cause uneven control.

In the event of serious trouble or damage to the unit return it to the factory for repair and readjustment.



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